

STATE OF ILLINOIS
EDUCATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

Minutes of the Meeting held on August 16, 2012
At 100 W. Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois

I. OPENING OF THE MEETING AT 10:00 A.M.

II. PRESENT

Chairman Lynne Sered; Board Members Gilbert O'Brien and Michael Prueter; Executive Director Victor Blackwell; Special Counsel John Brosnan; staff members Colleen Harvey, Ellen Strizak and Susan Willenborg; extern Jack Longquist; and observers Daniel Kuehnert, Rob Lyons and Bob Shaevel were present. Board Member Ronald Ettinger and staff member Cindy Handy participated via videoconferencing from the Board's Springfield office. Pursuant to Section 7(a) of the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/7(a), Board Member Michael Smith, with prior approval, participated via telephone conference call due to illness.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD JULY 19, 2012

Chairman Sered called for approval of the minutes of the July 19, 2012 meeting. Member Prueter moved to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2012 meeting. Member O'Brien seconded the motion. The Board passed the motion unanimously, by a voice vote.

IV. BOARD ACTIONS

1. Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois/AFSCME Council 31
Case No. 2012-RS-0009-S

Chairman Sered called the case. This case was before the Board on exceptions to the Executive Director's dismissal of the University's objection to the petition based on alleged fraud in obtaining the showing of interest and exceptions to the Administrative Law Judge's Recommended Decision and Order concerning the appropriate bargaining unit. Associate General Counsel Susan Willenborg presented a memorandum concerning the case. After discussion, the Board directed that an Opinion and Order be drafted, together with a dissent by Chairman Sered.

2. Chicago Board of Education/Stinson
Case No. 2012-CA-0047-C

Chairman Sered called the case. Extern Jack Longquist presented a memorandum recommending that the Board affirm the Executive Director's Recommended Decision and Order dismissing the charge. After discussion, the Board agreed with the recommendation and directed that an Opinion and Order be drafted affirming the Executive Director's Recommended Decision and Order.

3. Chicago Board of Education/SEIU, Local 73
Case No. 2011-CA-0088-C

Chairman Sered called the case. Associate General Counsel Susan Willenborg presented a draft order denying the Employer's motion for a stay of the Board's decision. After discussion, Chairman Sered called for a motion to approve the draft order. Member Ettinger so moved, and Member O'Brien seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion to approve the draft order unanimously, by a voice vote.

4. Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative/Mid-Valley Special Education Association, IEA-NEA
Case No. 2012-UC-0018-C

Chicago Board of Education/Berry
Case No. 2012-CA-0010-C
Chicago Teachers Union/Berry
Case No. 2012-CB-0004-C

Naperville Community Unit School District 203/McKeever
Case No. 2012-CA-0067-C

Chairman Sered called the cases. These were unappealed Executive Director's Recommended Decisions and Orders. Associate General Counsel Ellen Strizak presented the cases. After discussion, Chairman Sered called for a motion for the Board not to take the cases up on its own motion and to issue final orders. Member Pruefer so moved, and Member O'Brien seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously, by a voice vote, not to take the cases up on its own motion and to issue final orders.

V. BUDGET AND FISCAL

Fiscal Officer Cindy Handy presented an update on budget and fiscal matters, which included a discussion of FY 2012 expenditures.

VI. CASE STATUS REPORT

Executive Director Victor Blackwell presented a case status report, which included a report for the 2010, 2011 and 2012 fiscal years, as well as statistics for the most recent month.

Chairman Sered noted that staff needed to check with her and Fiscal Officer Cindy Handy prior to the approval of any travel expenses.

VII. STRIKE REPORT

Executive Director Victor Blackwell presented a strike report update.

VIII. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Staff Member Colleen Harvey presented a legislative update.

IX. LITIGATION UPDATE

Associate General Ellen Strizak presented a litigation update.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Sered called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member O'Brien so moved, and Member Ettinger seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting, by a voice vote.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED BY THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE ILLINOIS
EDUCATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD THIS 24th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2012.**